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TOPIC Troops and Military Installations in Lyck (E11) 25X1

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Prior to the spring of 1954, numerous Polish troops were observed in Lyck (S 54/A86). The barracks installations were occupied by troops who substantially outnumbered the soldiers who were quartered there under the Germans. Numerous motor vehicles were observed in the area of the station. The soldiers were almost exclusively red service color. No change in the troops was known or observed in the station area. The troops regularly went to the summer camp and returned in fall. A limited number of soldiers wearing blue cap bands who were quartered in undetermined billets was also observed at the station. Green service color was also occasionally observed in Lyck. \_\_\_\_\_ these soldiers were stationed at Goldap (R 55/V 82). 25X1

2. All army units of the station were located in the former German barracks installations on both sides of ul. Kosciuszki. The respective billets which quartered the several units were undetermined. The troops located in the installations included a motorized infantry unit which regularly went to a summer camp near Arys (R 54/A 66). Numerous model G45-63 trucks which were occupied by Polish soldiers carrying small arms were observed at this unit. The soldiers wore khaki uniforms with red cap bands. The installation also quartered a unit which was equipped with 6 armored full-track vehicles. These vehicles at which soldiers wearing gray blue uniforms were observed also went to Arys in summer. Further, a total of about 6 trucks which towed low two-wheeled guns was observed at the billets. The installations allegedly quartered also artillerymen, but no heavier guns were observed at the site.<sup>1</sup>

3. Prior to the spring of 1955, the former practice of the physicians Dr. Schilling and Dr. Stiefmann, which formerly also included a private clinic of these doctors and was located on the north side of ul. Armii Czerwonej, between ul. Wawelska, formerly Bluecher Strasse, and ul. Orzyszkowa, formerly Morgen Strasse, housed a military headquarters which was guarded by army sentries who wore red service color. Numerous officers and heavy motor traffic were constantly observed at this office.<sup>2</sup> 25X1

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4. The Lyck recruiting district headquarters (WKR) was located in a red brick building in the area of the former German Army ration supply depot on the south side of ul. Mickiewicza, formerly Bismarck Strasse. The same area also housed a military bakery. On certain days, the slaughterhouse was put at the disposal of the troops of the station who had the butchering done by their own personnel.<sup>3</sup>

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5. From 1953 to early June 1954, an extensive building site where construction activities were still observed in the summer of 1954 was located in the wooded area southwest of Szyba (S 54/A 96), east of the railroad line from Lyck to Bialystok (S 54/G 96) and south of the road from Szyba to Regeln (S 54/A 96). Incoming shipments of building materials were made by military vehicles. It was known that barracks were newly set up in the wooded area.

[redacted] Soviet officers called on the burghmaster's office in connection with the construction activities. It was rumored that concreting work was also done at the site.

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6. In the summers of 1952 and 1953, a young Pole of Szyba who from 1951 to 1953 served with an artillery unit in Lublin (S 52/R 18) went to the Arys troop training grounds with his unit.<sup>4</sup>

1. Comment. The barracks installations on both sides of ul. Kosciuszki, formerly York Strasse, in Lyck quarter the 62nd Rifle Regt of the 18th Rifle Div. It is still undetermined whether or not these installations also quarter other units.

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2. Comment. This billeting area which is believed to be occupied by the headquarters of the 18th Rifle Div is again confirmed by the present report.

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3. Comment. The present information on the recruiting district headquarters (WKR) and the military bakery in the area of the former German Army ration supply depot south of Bismarck Strasse agrees with previous reports. [redacted]

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4. Comment. The rotating of a unit from Lublin to the Arys troop training grounds which is reported for the first time possibly indicates that the 3rd Rifle Div which is located in Lublin belongs to the same corps as the 18th Rifle Div in Lyck (Elk) which is known to be also rotated to the Arys (Schlagakrug) troop training grounds every summer.

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